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2 July 1954The Agreement Between the Guatemalan Rebels and the Monzon Junta

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An agreement was signed in San Salvador at 0330 (0530 EDT) on 2 July between Lt. Colonel Carlos Castillo Armas, leader of Guatemala's "Army of National Liberation," and Colonel Elfego Monzon, president of the governing junta of Guatemala. The agreement formally ends the rebellion launched on 18 June by Castillo Armas against the pro-Communist Arbenz regime. It provides for the immediate merger of the provisional government which Castillo Armas established early in the fighting in the Guatemalan town of Esquipulas and Colonel Monzon's military junta which took control in Guatemala City on 29 June. The new united government will be headed by Monzon for "not more than two weeks," pending elections to name a head of state. The agreement will permit vigorous united action by elements loyal to both anti-Communist leaders. The immediate need for such action is revealed in reports of numerous Communist-incited uprisings among laborers and farm workers near the city of Escuintla on the Pacific littoral. It is in this area that the Communists were most active in organizing rural workers for violent action during the last two years of the Arbenz regime.

The agreement is summarized under the following points:

1. The military junta, under Colonel Monzon, identified itself with the ideals of Castillo Armas' Liberation Army.
2. The junta will fight Communism and establish a democratic representative government.
3. The two military forces will be merged.
4. The military junta is reorganized and Castillo Armas becomes a member.
5. The new junta will exercise executive and legislative functions until Constitutional order is restored.
6. Colonel Monzon will head the new junta for "not more than two weeks" during which time the permanent chief will be elected.
7. A definite peace and total cessation of hostilities is agreed upon.

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